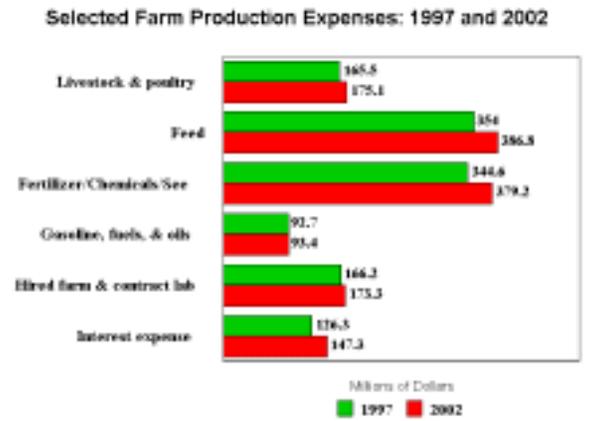
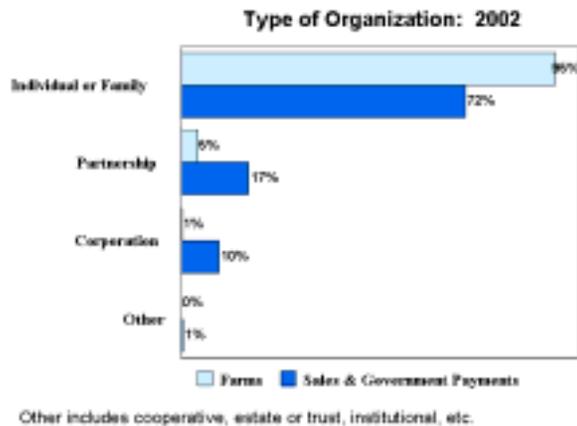
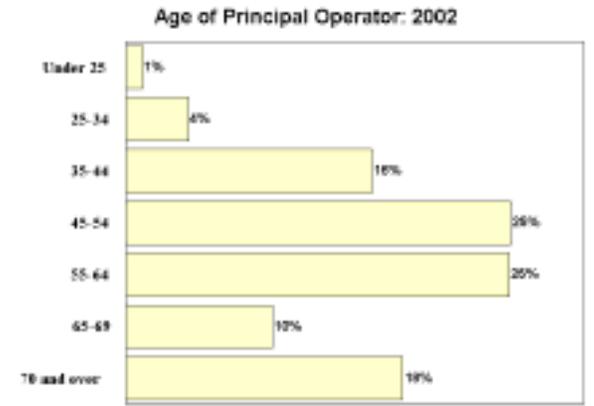
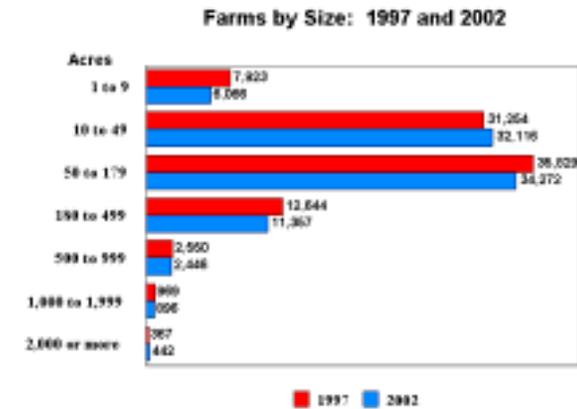
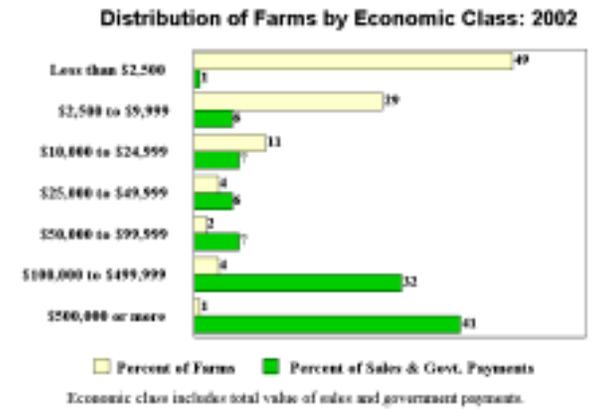
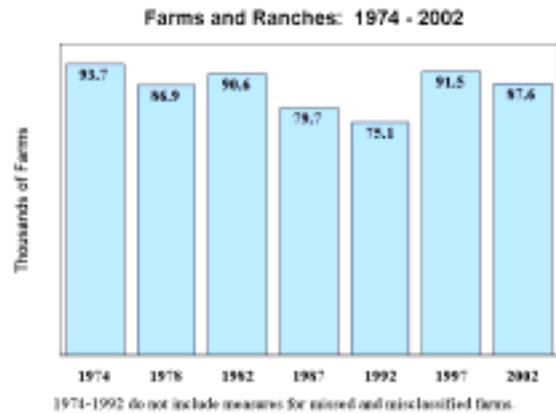


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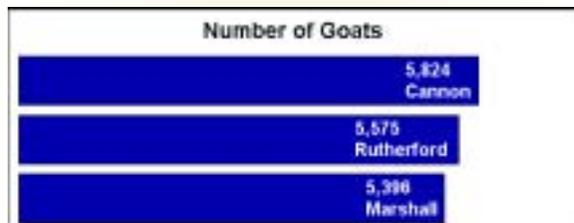
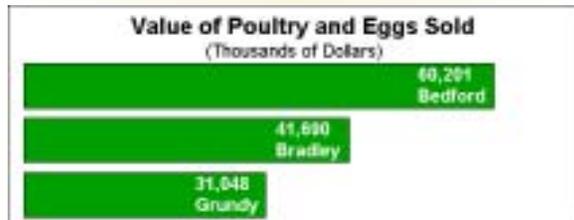
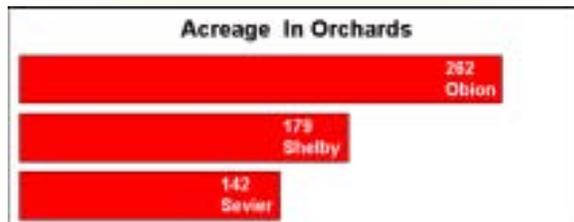
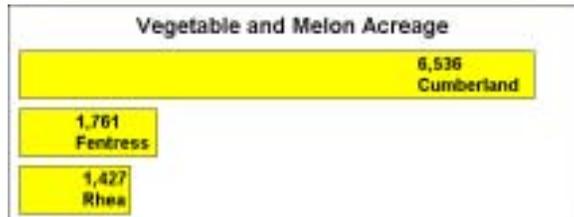
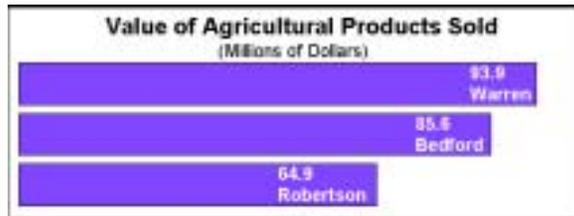
Historical Highlights: Tennessee 2002 and 1997 Census Years

All Farms	2002	1997
Farms number	87,595	91,536
Land in farms acres	11,681,533	11,986,258
Avg size of farm acres	133	131
Market value of land and buildings \$1,000	28,534,393	22,438,953
Average per farm dollars	325,783	245,186
Average per acre dollars	2,405	1,859
Market value of all machinery and equipment \$1,000	3,844,998	2,875,913
Average per farm dollars	45,263	31,425
Total Cropland farms	74,086	79,858
acres	6,992,992	7,451,482
Irrigated land farms	2,592	1,985
acres	61,217	47,010
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000	2,199,814	2,263,035
Average per farm dollars	25,113	24,723
Total Farm Production Expenses \$1,000	1,996,798	1,785,713
Total Operators:	123,277	(N/A)
Total Women operators	31,880	(N/A)
Principal operator by days of work off farm ² :		
None	36,807	28,565
Any	50,788	58,314
200 days or more	38,771	44,358
Principal operator by primary occupation ² :		
Farming	44,100	30,635
Other	43,495	60,901
Average age of principal operator (years):	56.0	54.8

² Data for 1997 does not include imputation for item nonresponse.



Top 3 Published Counties for Selected Items:



Farms by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS): 2002

	Farms	Percent
Crop Production	29,931	34.2
Oilseed and grain farming	4,332	4.9
Vegetable and melon farming	989	1.1
Fruit and tree nut farming	512	0.6
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production	2,223	2.5
Other crop farming	21,875	25.0
Animal Production	57,664	65.8
Beef cattle	42,602	48.6
Cattle feedlots	31	---
Dairy cattle and milk production	947	1.1
Hogs and pigs	400	0.5
Poultry and egg production	1,320	1.5
Sheep and goats	1,633	1.9
Aquaculture and other animal production	10,731	12.3

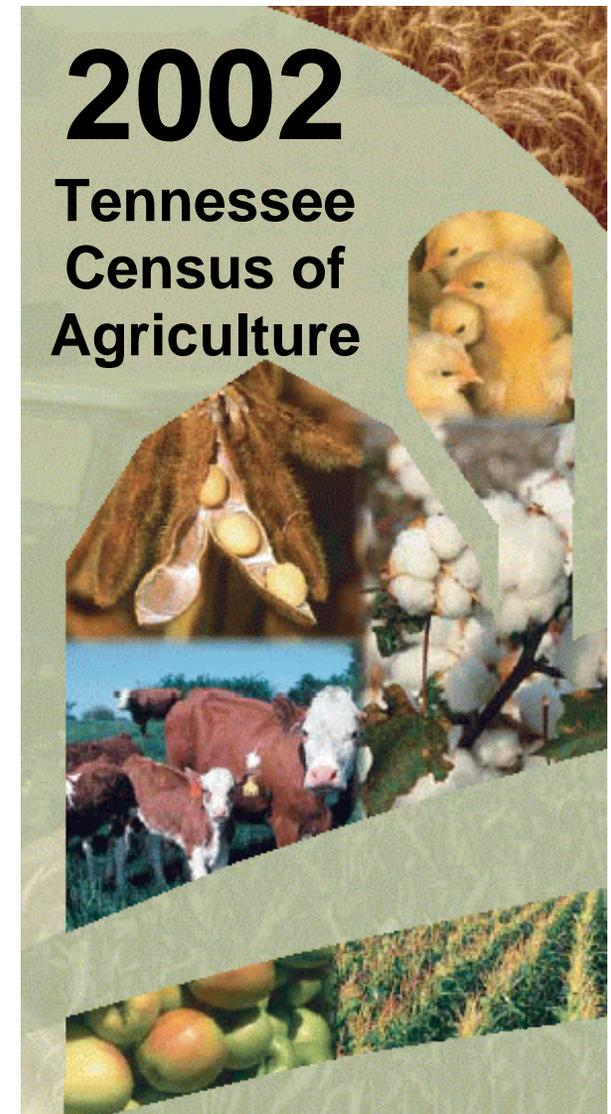
NAICS classifies farms based on primary activity. Each farm is represented once, categorized by the product accounting for 50% or more of the total production value; farms with no single product accounting for 50% or more are classified as "other."

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